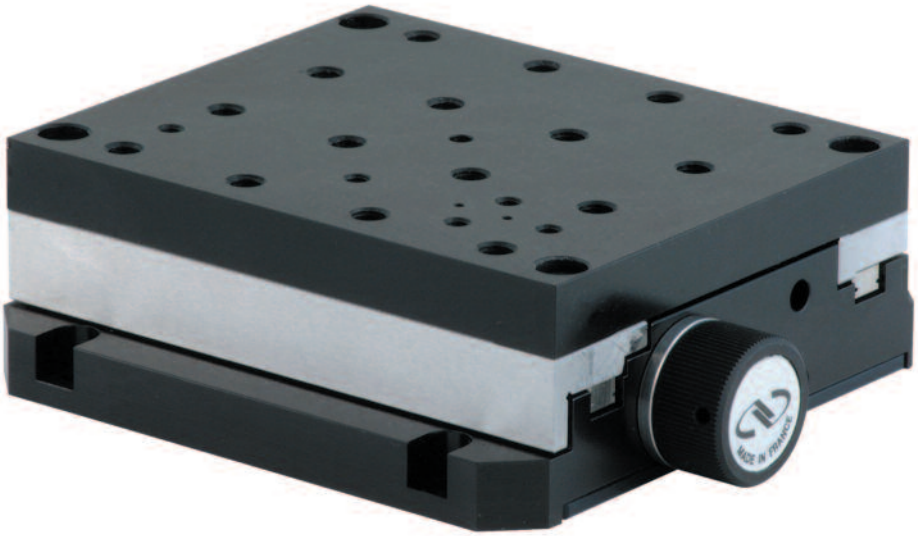
VP-25XA

Precision Compact Linear Stage



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Newport Corporation warrants this product to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 1 year from the date of shipment. If found to be defective during the warranty period, the product will either be repaired or replaced at Newport's discretion.

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Limitation of Warranty

This warranty does not apply to defects resulting from modification or misuse of any product or part.

CAUTION

Warranty does not apply to damages resulting from:

- **Incorrect usage:**
  - **Load on the stage greater than maximum specified load.**
  - **Carriage speed higher than specified speed.**
  - **Improper grounding.**
    - ¬ **Connectors must be properly secured.**
    - ¬ **When the load on the stage represents an electrical risk, it must be connected to ground.**
  - **Excessive or improper cantilever loads.**
- **Modification of the stage or any part thereof.**

CAUTION

Please return equipment in the original (or equivalent) packing.

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EC Declaration of Conformity

VP-25XA

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EC Declaration of Conformity

following Annex II-1A
of Directive 2006/42/EC on machinery

The manufacturer:

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Hereby declares that the machinery:

- Description: "VP-25XA"
- Function: Precision Compact Linear Stage
- Models: (M-)VP-25XA

– the technical file of which was compiled by:

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– complies with all the relevant provisions of the Directive 2006/42/EC on machinery.
– complies with all the relevant provisions of the Directive 2014/30/EU relating to electro-magnetic compatibility.

– was designed and built in accordance with the following harmonised standards:

- NF EN 61326-1:2013 « Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements – Part 1: General requirements »
- NF EN 55011:2010/A1:2011 Class A

– was designed and built in accordance with the following other standards:

- NF EN 61000-4-2
- NF EN 61000-4-3
- NF EN 61000-4-4
- NF EN 61000-4-5
- NF EN 61000-4-6

ORIGINAL DECLARATION

Done in Beaune La Rolande on 26 June 2015
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Definitions and Symbols

The following terms and symbols are used in this documentation and also appear on the product where safety-related issues occur.

General Warning or Caution

The exclamation symbol may appear in warning and caution tables in this document. This symbol designates an area where personal injury or damage to the equipment is possible.

The following are definitions of the Warnings, Cautions and Notes that may be used in this manual to call attention to important information regarding personal safety, safety and preservation of the equipment, or important tips.

WARNING

Warning indicates a potentially dangerous situation which can result in bodily harm or death.

CAUTION

Caution indicates a potentially hazardous situation which can result in damage to product or equipment.

NOTE

Note indicates additional information that must be considered by the user or operator.

European Union CE Mark

The presence of the CE Mark on Newport Corporation equipment means that it has been designed, tested and certified as complying with all applicable European Union (CE) regulations and recommendations.

Warnings and Cautions

ATTENTION

This stage is a Class A device. In a residential environment, this device can cause electromagnetic interference. In this case, suitable measures must be taken by the user.

Warnings

WARNING

The motion of objects of all types carries potential risks for operators. Ensure the protection of operators by prohibiting access to the dangerous area and by informing the personnel of the potential risks involved.

WARNING

Do not use this stage when its motor is emitting smoke or is unusually hot to the touch or is emitting any unusual odor or noise or is in any other abnormal state.

Stop using the stage immediately, switch off the motor power and then disconnect the electronics power supply.

After checking that smoke is no longer being emitted contact your Newport service facility and request repairs. Never attempt to repair the stage yourself as this can be dangerous.

WARNING

Make sure that this stage is not exposed to moisture and that liquid does not get into the stage.

Nevertheless, if any liquid has entered the stage, switch off the motor power and then disconnect the electronics from power supply.

Contact your Newport service facility and request repairs.

WARNING

Do not insert or drop objects into this stage, this may cause an electric shock, or lock the drive.

Do not use this stage if any foreign objects have entered the stage. Switch off the motor power and then disconnect the electronics power supply.

Contact your Newport service facility for repairs.

WARNING

Do not place this stage in unstable locations such as on a wobbly table or sloping surface, where it may fall or tip over and cause injury.

If this stage has been dropped or the case has been damaged, switch off the motor power and then disconnect the electronics power supply.

Contact your Newport service facility and request repairs.

WARNING

Do not attempt to modify this stage; this may cause an electric shock or downgrade its performance.

WARNING

Do not exceed the usable depth indicated on the mounting holes (see section “Dimensions”). Longer screws can damage the mechanics or cause a short-circuit.

Cautions

CAUTION

Do not place this stage in a hostile environment such as X-Rays, hard UV,… or in any vacuum environment.

CAUTION

Do not place this stage in a location affected by dust, oil fumes, steam or high humidity. This may cause an electric shock.

CAUTION

Do not leave this stage in places subject to extremely high temperatures or low temperatures. This may cause an electric shock.

- **Operating temperature: +10 to +35 °C**
- **Storage temperature: -10 to +40 °C (in its original packaging)**

CAUTION

Do not move this stage if its motor power is on.

Make sure that the cable to the electronics is disconnected before moving the stage. Failure to do so may damage the cable and cause an electrical shock.

CAUTION

Be careful that the stage is not bumped when it is being carried. This may cause it to malfunction.

CAUTION

When handling this stage, always unplug the equipment from the power source for safety.

CAUTION

When the carriage is in its end-of-run position, it is strongly recommended not to go beyond this point as this may damage the stage mechanism.

CAUTION

Contact your Newport service facility to request cleaning and specification control every year.

Precision Compact Linear Stage
VP-25XA

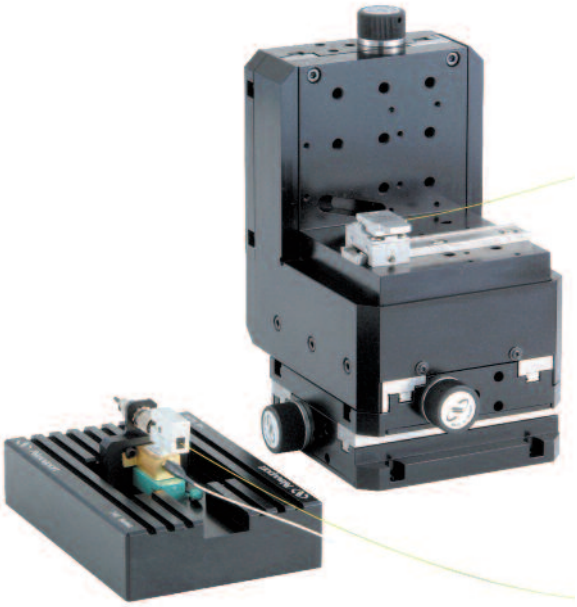
1.0 Introduction

This manual provides operating instructions for the VP-25XA precision compact linear stage.

VP-25XA translation stage.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend you read carefully the chapter “Connection to electronics” before using the VP-25XA stage.



3 VP-25XA stages in XYZ configuration.

2.0 Description

The VP-25XA translation stage features an all aluminum body and recirculating preloaded ball bearing slides as guide ways to ensure accurate linear travel.

The design and interface of VP-25XA fixtures enable XY mounting without using an additional intermediate plate.

A standard top plate interface is supplied with each stage.

A preloaded, backlash-free ballscrew with a 1 mm pitch provides smooth motion. The screw is accurately ground to reduce the heating factor to a minimum and extend the lifetime of the stage.

The position is read on a metal optical scale with pitch of 20 µm and a 200x interpolation of signals to obtain a 0.1 µm resolution.

The VP-25XA stage features end-of-run limit switches at both ends of the stage to prevent bearing damage from over-travel. The origin (Mechanical Zero) is at the center of travel, with a reference on the optical scale.

For optimal performance, we recommend the use of our motion controllers.

The VP-25XA stage is equipped with a cable of 1.5 m length and a SUB-D25 connector for connection to our motion controllers.

2.1 Design Details

Base Material	Aluminum
Bearings	Recirculating ball bearings
Drive Mechanism	Backlash-free ball screw
Drive Screw Pitch	1 mm
Feedback	Linear steel scale, 20 µm signal period, RS-422 output
Limit	Switches Optical
Origin	Optical, at center of travel
Motor	DC servo motor with Tachometer UE25CC
Cable Length	1.5 m

NOTE

This product complies with the RoHS directive (Restriction of Hazardous Substances).

3.0 Characteristics

3.1 Definitions

Specifications of our products are established in reference to ISO 230 standard part II “Determination of accuracy and repeatability of positioning numerically controlled axes”.

This standard gives the definition of position uncertainty which depends on the 3 following parameters:

(Absolute) Accuracy

Difference between ideal position and real position.

On-Axis Accuracy

Difference between ideal position and real position after the compensation of linear errors.

Linear errors include: cosine errors, inaccuracy of screw or linear scale pitch, angular deviation at the measuring point (Abbe error) and thermal expansion effects. All Newport motion electronics can compensate for linear errors.

The relation between absolute accuracy and on-axis accuracy is as follows:

$$Absolute\ Accuracy = On\text{-}Axis\ Accuracy + Correction\ Factor_{x}\ Travel$$

Repeatability

Ability of a system to achieve a commanded position over many attempts.

Reversal Value (Hysteresis)

Difference between actual position values obtained for a given target position when approached from opposite directions.

Minimum Incremental Motion (MIM or Sensitivity)

The smallest increment of motion a device is capable of delivering consistently and reliably.

Resolution

The smallest increment that a motion device can theoretically move and/or detect. Resolution is not achievable, whereas MIM, is the real output of a motion system.

Yaw, Pitch

Rotation of carriage around the Z axis (Yaw) or Y axis (Pitch), when it moves.

The testing of on-axis accuracy, repeatability, and reversal error are made systematically with test equipment in an air-conditioned room ($20^{\pm 1}$ °C).

A linear cycle with 21 data points on the travel and 4 cycles in each direction gives a total of 164 points.

Guaranteed Specifications

Guaranteed maximum performance values are verified per Newport's A167 metrology test procedure. For more information, please consult the metrology tutorial section in the Newport catalog or at **www.newport.com**

3.2 Mechanical Specifications

Travel Range	25 mm
Minimum incremental Motion	0.1 µm
Uni-directional Repeatability	0.15 µm
Bi-directional Repeatability (1)	0.2 µm or ±0.1 µm
On-Axis Accuracy (1)	2.0 µm or ±1.0 µm
Maximum Speed	25 mm/s
Pitch (1) (2)	100 µrad or ±50 µrad
Yaw (1) (2)	100 µrad or ±50 µrad
MTBF	20,000 h

1 Shown are peak to peak, guaranteed specifications or ±half the value as sometimes shown. For the definition of typical specifications which are about 2X better than the guaranteed values, visit www.newport.com for the Motion Control Metrology Primer.

2) To obtain arcsec units, divide µrad value by 4.8.

CAUTION

To reach specifications stated, stages must be fixed on a plane surface with a flatness of 5 µm.

The MTBF value indicated above is given to use the stage with the following parameters:

Centered load	50 N
Displacements	2 mm
Speed	10 mm/s
Operating rate on the cycle	50%
Cycle	21 hours/day, 330 days/year

3.3 Load Specification Definitions

Normal Load Capacity (Cz)

Maximum load a stage can move while maintaining specifications.

This value is given with speed and acceleration specified for each stage, and with a load perpendicular to bearings.

Max. Speed (mm/s)	25
Max. Acceleration (mm/s^2)	100

Axial Load Capacity (±Cx)

Maximum load along the direction of the drive train.

Off-Centered Load (Q)

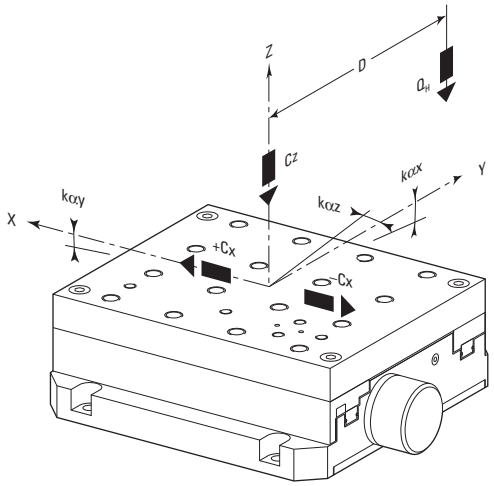
Maximum cantilever-load a stage can move: $Q \leq Cz \div (1 + D/a)$

D: Cantilever distance.

a: Construction parameter.

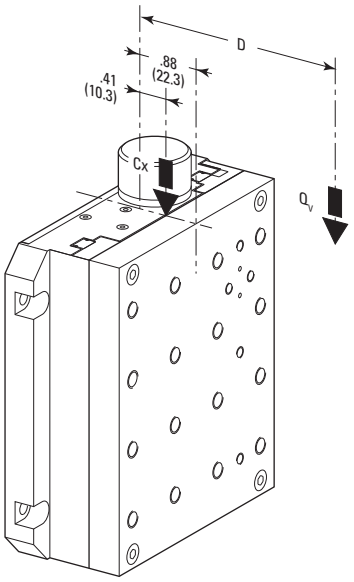
3.4 Load Characteristics and Stiffness

Normal Load Characteristics



Cz, Normal centered load capacity	60 N
-Cx, +Cx, Axial load capacity	40 N
Kαx, Compliance in roll	20 µrad/Nm
Kαy, Compliance in pitch	20 µrad/Nm
Kαz, Compliance in yaw	30 µrad/Nm
Q_H, Off-center load (N)	$Q_H \leq Cz \div (1 + D/30)$
Where D = Cantilever distance (mm)	

Axial Load Characteristics



Q_V, Off-center load (N)	$Q_V \leq Cz \div (1 + D/30)$
Where D = Cantilever distance in mm between the center of mass of the load and the bearings center (mm)	
Distance between top surface and the bearings center	22.3 mm
Distance between under the top plate and the bearings center	10.3 mm

3.5 Stage Weights

The stage weight below includes the top plate and the cable.

	Weight [lb (kg)]
VP-25XA	3.3 (1.5)

4.0 Drive

The VP-25XA stage is equipped with DC-motor and a metal optical scale.

Specifications

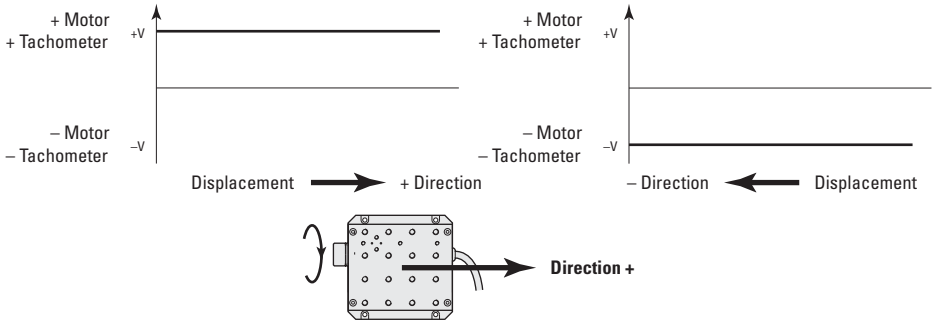
	Resolution (µm)	Maximum Speed (mm/s)	Motor
VP-25XA	0.1	25	UE25CC

5.0 Motor

5.1 UE25CC Motor Characteristics

Motor	Nominal Voltage (V)	Max. RMS Current (A)	Max. Peak Current (A)	Resistance (Ω)	Inductance (mH)	Tachometer Const. (V/krpm)
UE25CC	48	0.5	1	8	0.83	0.52

5.2 Command Signals for the DC-Motor

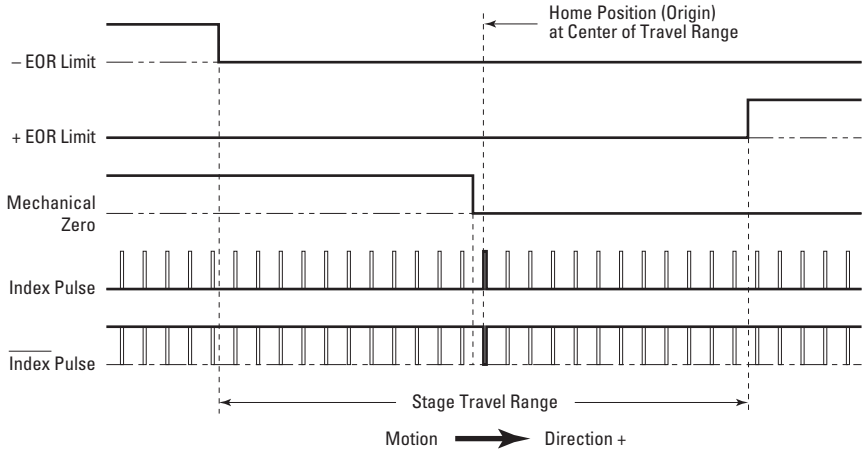


In the above drawings, + Motor signal is referred to – Motor signal, + Tacho Generator signal is referred to – Tacho Generator signal.

① When the stage moves in + Direction, the + Motor voltage is higher than – Motor voltage, and + Tacho Generator voltage is higher than – Tacho Generator voltage.

② When the stage moves in – Direction, the + Motor voltage is lower than – Motor voltage, and + Tacho Generator voltage is lower than – Tacho Generator voltage.

5.3 Sensor Position



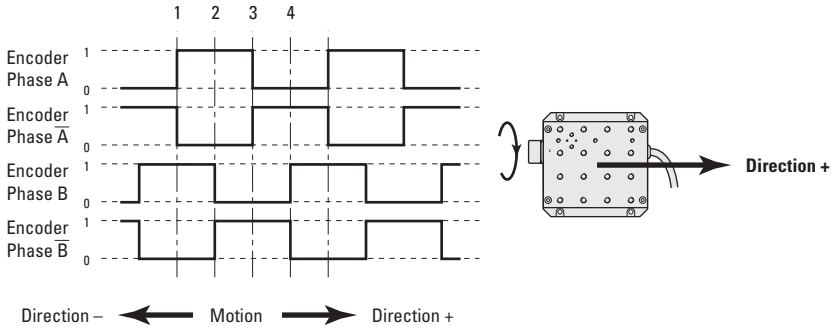
End-of-Run and Mechanical Zero are 5 V open collector type.

The Index Pulse provides a repeatable Home Position at ±1 step.

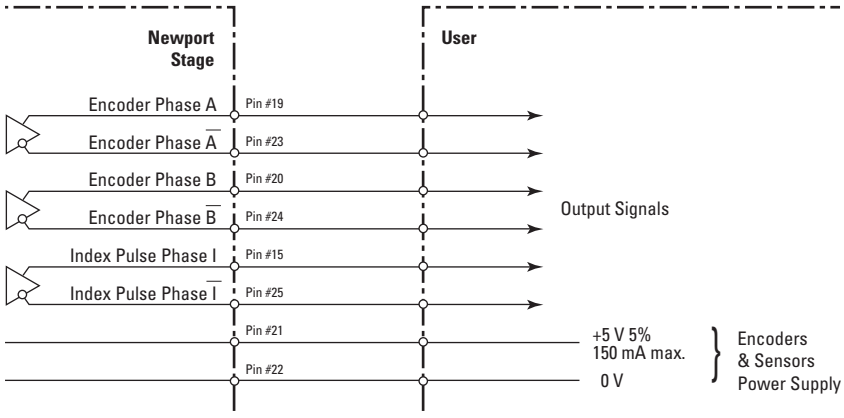
CAUTION

"End-of-Run" and "Mechanical Zero" are active signals and should not be connected to any other source.

5.4 Feedback Signal Position



The incremental sensor consists of a optical scale and an encoder head. When the carriages of the stage move, the encoder head generates square signals in quadrature, sent to pins #19, #20, #23 and #24 of the SUB-D25 connector.

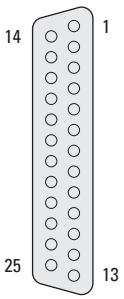


"Encoder" and "Index Pulse" are "differential pair" (type RS-422) type output signals. Using these signals permits a high immunity to noise.

Emission circuits generally used by Newport are 26LS31 or MC3487. Reception circuits to use are 26LS32 or MC3486.

5.5 Pinouts

The SUB-D25 connection for the VP-25XA stage is given in the following table:



	VP-25XA UE25CC
1	+ Tachometer
2	N.C.
3	– Tachometer
4	N.C.
5	+ Motor
6	+ Motor
7	– Motor
8	– Motor
9	N.C.
10	N.C.
11	N.C.
12	N.C.
13	Mechanical Zero
14	Shield Ground
15	Index Pulse I
16	0 V logic
17	+ End-of-Run
18	– End-of-Run
19	Encoder Phase A
20	Encoder Phase B
21	Encoder Power: +5 V
22	0 V Encoder
23	Encoder Phase /A
24	Encoder Phase /B
25	Index Pulse /I

6.0 Connection to Newport Controllers

6.1 Warnings on Controllers

Controllers are intended for use by qualified personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with safety precautions required to avoid possible injury. Read the controller user's manual carefully before operating the instrument and pay attention to all written warnings and cautions.

WARNING

Disconnect the power plug under the following circumstances:

- **If the power cord or any attached cables are frayed or damaged in any way.**
- **If the power plug is damaged in any way.**
- **If the unit is exposed to rain, excessive moisture, or liquids are spilled on the unit.**
- **If the unit has been dropped or the case is damaged.**
- **If you suspect service or repair is required.**
- **Whenever you clean the electronics unit.**

CAUTION

To protect the unit from damage, be sure to:

- **Keep all air vents free of dirt and dust.**
- **Keep all liquids away from the unit.**
- **Do not expose the unit to excessive moisture (85% humidity).**
- **Read this manual before using the unit for the first time.**

WARNING

All attachment plug receptacles in the vicinity of this unit are to be of the grounding type and properly polarized.

Contact your electrician to check your receptacles.

WARNING

This product is equipped with a 3-wire grounding type plug.

Any interruption of the grounding connection can create an electric shock hazard.

If you are unable to insert the plug into your wall plug receptacle, contact your electrician to perform the necessary alterations to ensure that the green (green-yellow) wire is attached to earth ground.

WARNING

This product operates with voltages that can be lethal.

Pushing objects of any kind into cabinet slots or holes, or spilling any liquid on the product, may touch hazardous voltage points or short out parts.

6.2 Connection

On each stage is represented a label which indicates its name and its serial number.

WARNING

Always turn the controller's power OFF before connecting to a stage.

Stages may be connected to the rear panel motor connectors any time prior to power-up with the supplied cable assemblies.

NOTE

These stages are ESP compatible. Enhanced System Performance is Newport's exclusive technology that enables Newport ESP motion controllers to recognize the connected Newport ESP stage and upload the stage parameters. This ensures that the user can operate the motion system quickly and safely.

6.3 Cables

Our VP-25XA stage is delivered equipped with a 1.5-meter cable with a SUB-D25M connector so it can be directly connected to our controllers/drivers.

WARNING

This cable is shielded correctly. For a correct operation, make sure to lock connectors (ground continuity provided by the cable).

WARNING

Keep the motor cable at a safe distance from other electrical cables in your environment to avoid potential cross talk.

7.0 Connection to Non-Newport Electronics

7.1 Connections

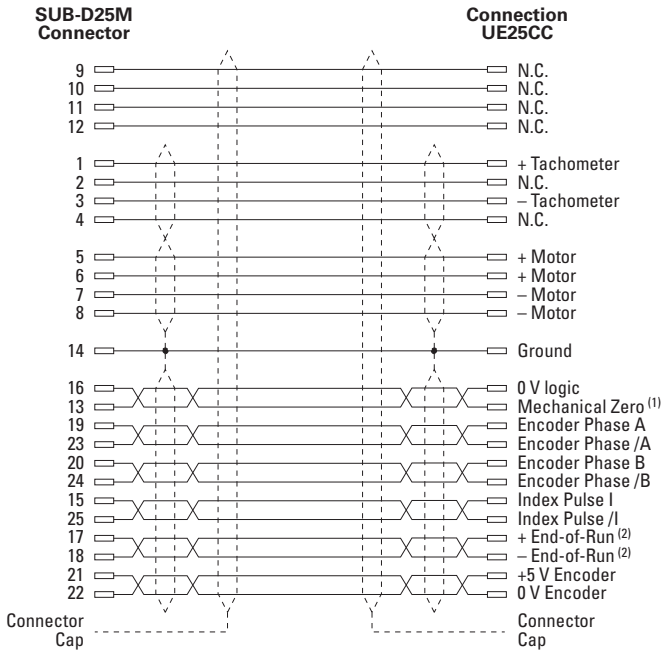
WARNING

Newport is not responsible for malfunction or damage to a VP-25XA stage when it is used with non-Newport controllers.

WARNING

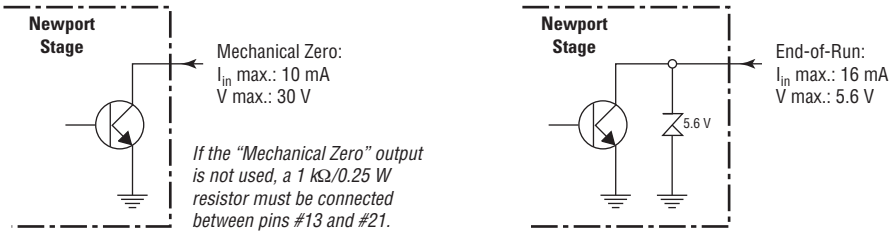
Newport guarantees "CE" compliance of the VP-25XA stages only if they are used with Newport cables and controllers.

Nevertheless, the figure below shows the wiring when a VP-25XA stage is used with non-Newport controllers.



(1) The Mechanical Zero logic signal is open collector type. It supports until 30 V and 10 mA.

(2) Open collector type with a 5.6 V protective Zener diode.


Newport Stage
Mechanical Zero:
I_{in} max.: 10 mA
V max.: 30 V
If the "Mechanical Zero" output is not used, a 1 kΩ/0.25 W resistor must be connected between pins #13 and #21.
Newport Stage
5.6 V
End-of-Run:
I_{in} max.: 16 mA
V max.: 5.6 V

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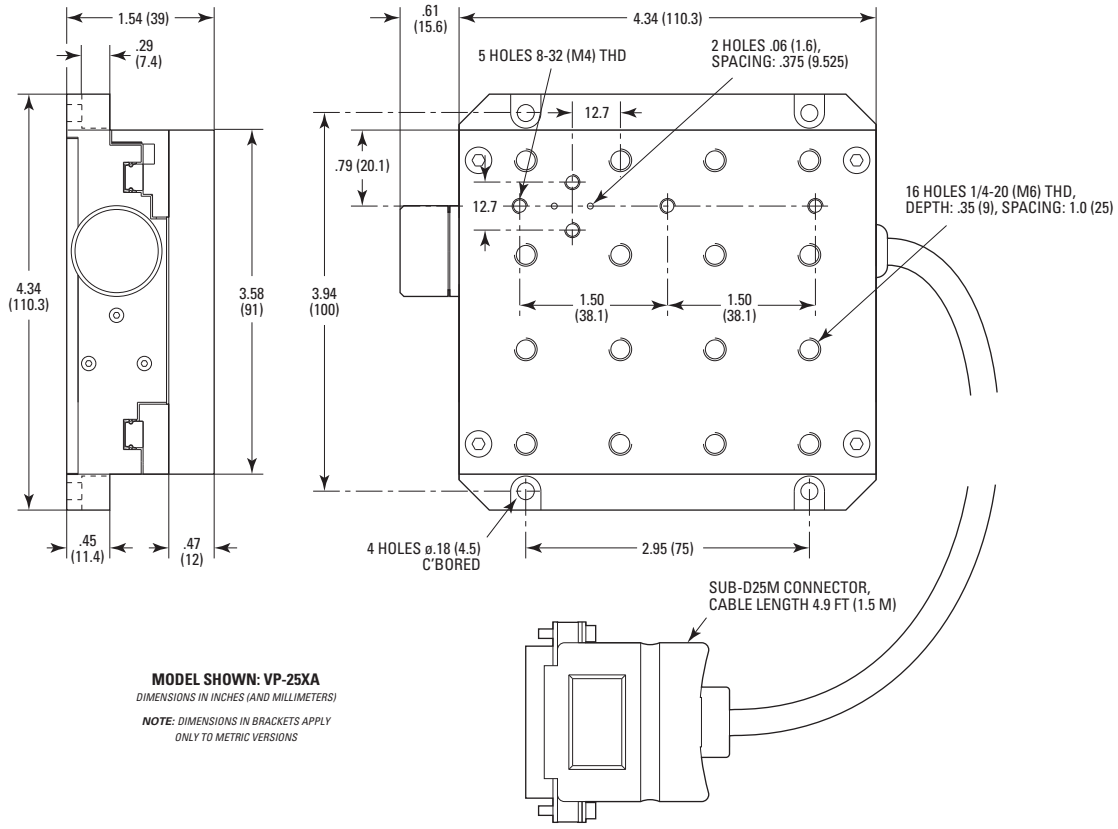
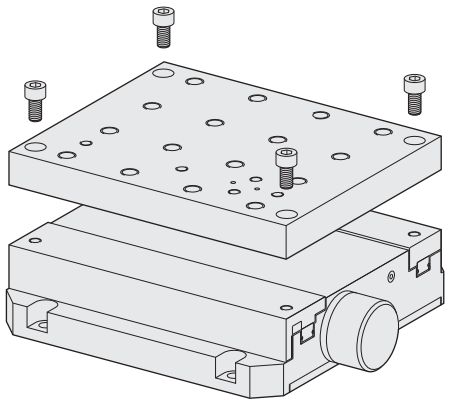
8.0 Dimensions

8.1 VP-25XA Stage



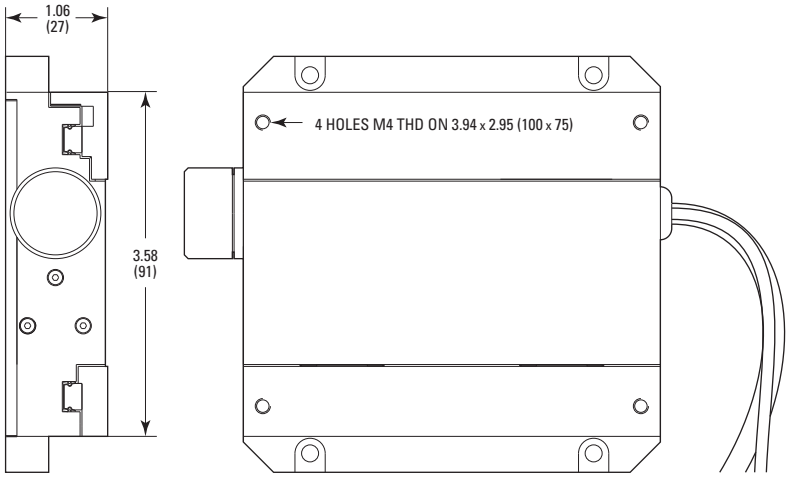
8.2 VP-25XA Stage without Top Plate Interface

Sometimes, it is necessary to remove the top plate interface of a VP-25XA stage (to make an XY assembly, for example).



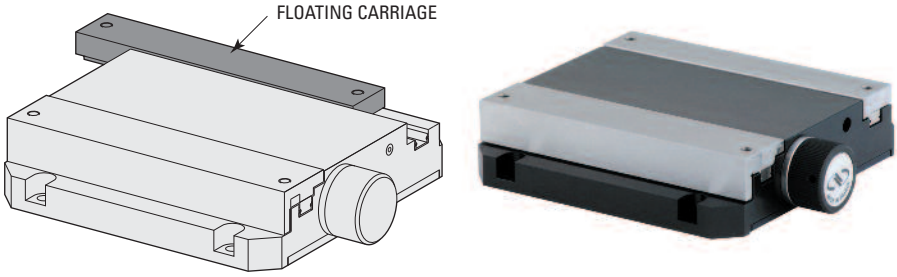
To do so, just unscrew the 4 CHc M4 x 12 / ▭ 100 x 75 screws of the top plate with the wrench supplied with the stage.

VP-25XA stage will then have the following interface:



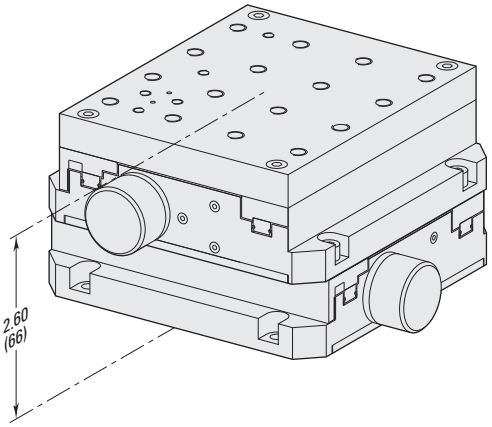
CAUTION

Once the top plate interface removed, one of carriages is floating on its axis.



9.0 Assemblies

9.1 XY Mounting



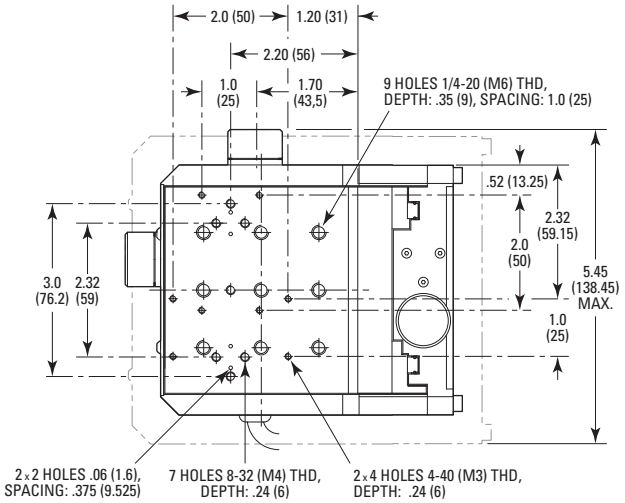
CAUTION

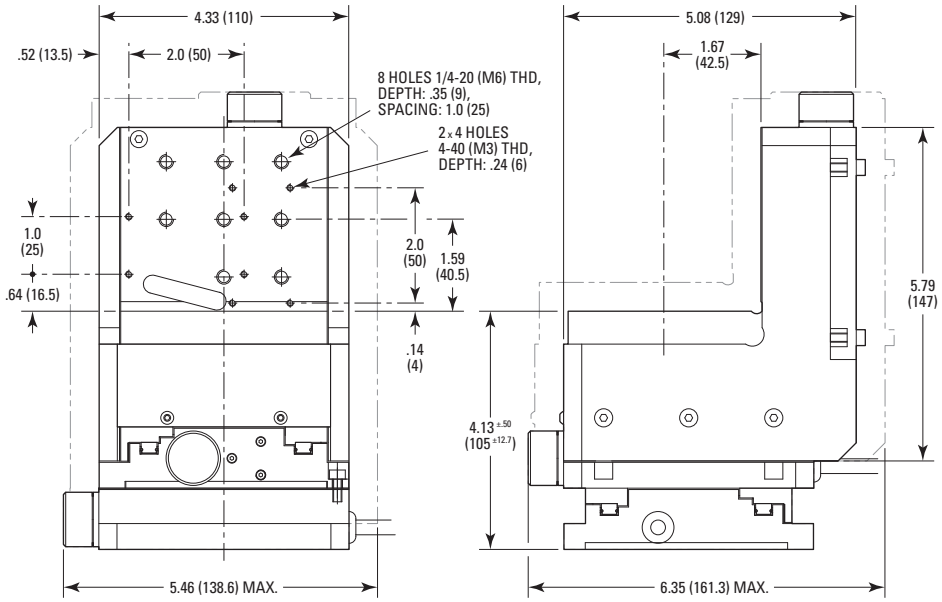
- **To make an XY stage assembly, it is necessary to tighten screws firstly on the driving carriage of the lower stage, then the ones on the floating carriage.**
- **The lower stage must be fixed on a plane surface with a flatness of 5 µm.**

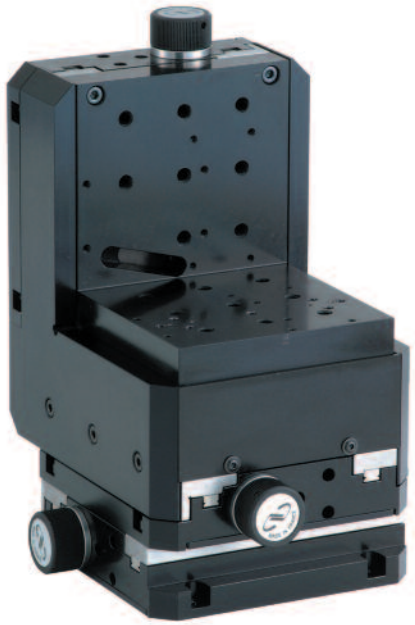
9.2 XYZ Configuration

VP-25XA stages can easily be assembled into XYZ configuration with optional VP-BK bracket.

MODEL SHOWN: (M-)VP-25XA-XYZL
DIMENSIONS IN INCHES (AND MILLIMETERS)
***NOTE**: DIMENSIONS IN BRACKETS APPLY ONLY TO METRIC VERSIONS*







CAUTION

- **To fix stages together or with the bracket for an XYZ assembly, it is necessary to tighten screws firstly on the driving carriage, then the ones on the floating carriage.**
- **The lower stage must be fixed on a plane surface with a flatness of 5 µm.**

10.0 Maintenance

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to contact our After Sales Service which will know to define the appropriate maintenance for your application.

10.1 Maintenance

The VP-25XA table requires no particular maintenance. Nevertheless, this is a precision mechanical device that must be kept and operated with caution.

PRECAUTIONS

The VP-25XA table must be used or stocked in a clean environment, without dust, humidity, solvents or other substances.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to return your VP-25XA table to Newport's After Sales Service after every 2000 hours of use for lubrication.

If your table is mounted on a workstation and cannot be easily removed, please contact Newport's After Sales Service for further instructions.

10.2 Repair

CAUTION

Never attempt to disassemble a component of the stage that has not been covered in this manual.

To disassemble a non specified component can cause a malfunction of the stage.

If you observe a malfunction in your table, please contact us immediately to arrange for a repair.

CAUTION

Any attempt to disassemble or repair a table without prior authorization will void your warranty.

10.3 Calibration

CAUTION

It is recommended to return your VP-25XA table to Newport once a year for recalibration to its original specifications.

Service Form

Your Local Representative
Tel.: _____
Fax: _____

Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
Country: _____
P.O. Number: _____

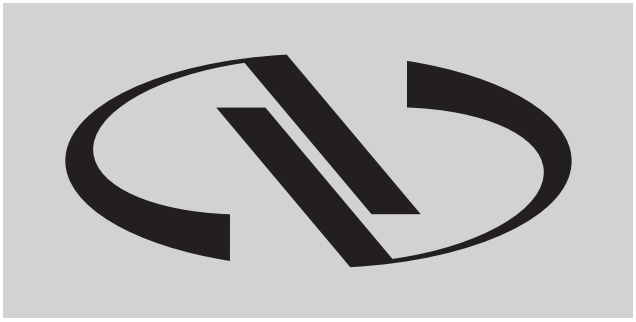
Return authorization #: _____
(Please obtain prior to return of item)
Date: _____
Phone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____

Item(s) Being Returned:

Model #: _____ Serial #: _____

Description: _____

Reasons of return of goods (please list any specific problems): _____



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